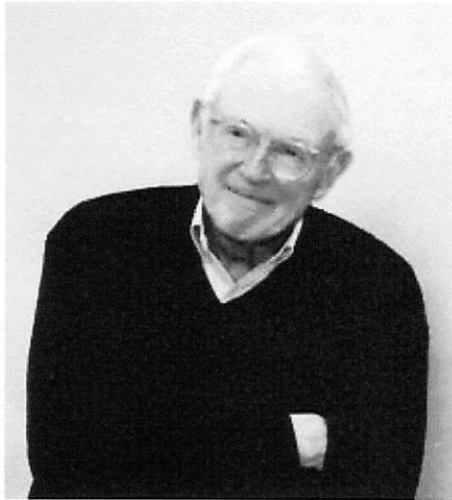


Hamilton “Ham” Busser Bowman



Hamilton “Ham” Busser Bowman died peacefully at his home in Duxbury on June 28, 2017, surrounded by his wife and daughters, three days after his 57th wedding anniversary and one month after his 90th birthday. Ham was born on May 28, 1927, in Pittsburgh, Penn., to Joseph Hunt and Mildred Busser Bowman. He graduated from the Hotchkiss School (1945) and the Merchant Marine Academy (1946) before attending Yale University as part of the Navy ROTC program. He graduated from Yale in 1950 with an industrial administration degree and served in the Navy on the U.S.S. Worcester for the next three years. After serving his country, Ham went to work with his father and brother at Bowman Steel Company, a steel fabrication business previously called American Steel Band Company

and started by his grandfather in Heidelberg, Penn., which ultimately sold to Cyclops Corporation in the 1960s.

During a visit to New York City in early 1960, Ham met Ann Learnard. After a whirlwind courtship, they married on June 25 and moved to Pittsburgh where three daughters were born in quick succession. In 1967 they moved to Massachusetts, where Ann’s family had lived for many generations. They settled in the small town of Duxbury and fell in love with it, living there for over 50 years.

When first in New England, Ham owned and ran C. Drew & Co., a specialty tool company in Kingston, which traces its roots back to 1837. However, he was soon recruited to be president of Teledyne Rodney Metals in New Bedford and ultimately served as a group executive for Teledyne, Inc., responsible for a group of specialty metals companies until 1983. He published a trade book, “The Handbook of Precision Sheet, Strip and Foil,” in 1980. A lifelong tinkerer and handyman, Ham exercised his entrepreneurial instincts by creating a specialty necktie company Hamilton House, and owning and operating two small businesses, the Parker Dawson Boat Company and the Olde Cape Cod Stoneware pottery company. He also holds three patents for coated steel processing.

Over the years, Ham served on the Board of Directors for Derby Academy, Noble and Greenough School, Compugraphic and Cranberry Hospice. A love of music led to lifelong participation in choral groups, and he lent his strong bass voice to choirs at St. John’s Episcopal Church and the Boston Saengerfest Men’s Chorus.

From childhood summers spent on Lake Ontario at the Iron City Fishing Club, Ham harbored a love for all manner of boats. He was happiest on the water, whether exploring the marshes in a motorboat or racing a sailboat on Duxbury Bay. He served as commodore of the Duxbury Yacht Club from 1991-92. He enjoyed bridge, tennis, golf, and sailing well into his late 80s, and was a voracious reader. In retirement, he founded an investment club and was a loyal member of ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out).

He was beloved, and will be desperately missed, by his wife Ann (Learnard), and his three daughters (Sarah Mitchell Bowman of Los Angeles Calif., Margaret Busser Bowman of Takoma Park, Mary., and Barbara Learnard Bowman of Mill Valley, Calif). The Bowman clan

extends to spouses (William David Temko of Los Angeles Calif., David Bristol Hunter of Takoma Park, Md., and Michael Warren Rabow of Mill Valley, Calif.), and six grandchildren (Jamie Emerson Temko, Jack Bowman Temko, Dana Bowman Hunter, Sandy Bristol Hunter, Maya Bowman Rabow, and Emerson Bowman Rabow). Ham's brother, Joseph Hunt Bowman Jr. ,died in 1976. More than one devoted dog will no doubt also greet him on the other side.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Sept. 2, at 2 p.m. (low tide) at St. John's Episcopal Church on 410 Washington St., Duxbury. Those wishing to honor his memory could make contributions to Cranberry Hospice <http://www.bidplymouth.org/cranberryhospice>.